

the weather, which we should all do more of.

I commend Pat for his years of service to the southeast Georgia community and wish him all the best. You deserve it, Pat.

CLOSING THE TERRORIST WATCH LIST LOOPHOLE

(Ms. MATSUI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, from California to Colorado, the devastating realities of gun violence are hitting home. In the face of more senseless attacks on innocent victims, it is past time that we treat gun violence in America as a national crisis.

Preventable gun violence is inexcusable. We need to enact commonsense gun law reforms, like ensuring that no terrorist suspect is able to walk into a gun shop and buy a deadly weapon.

According to a report by the GAO, since 2004, more than 2,000 suspects on the FBI's terror watch list have successfully purchased weapons in the United States. In fact, more than 90 percent of all the suspected terrorists who attempted to purchase guns in the last 11 years walked away with the deadly weapon they wanted.

These statistics are indefensible. Let's put our political excuses aside and close the terrorist gun loophole because lives are on the line.

RECOGNIZING TOYOTA MOTOR MANUFACTURING KENTUCKY PLANT AS TOYOTA'S LARGEST PRODUCTION PLANT

(Mr. BARR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, Kentucky is famous for horses, bourbon, college basketball, and hospitality. And now we can add to that list the fact that the Commonwealth is home to Toyota's largest manufacturing plant in the world.

With production of the 2016 Lexus ES fully up and running, the Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky plant now ranks as the company's largest by production volume. That is right; Toyota now has its largest manufacturing plant in Georgetown, Kentucky.

The addition of the Lexus production line brought with it 750 new jobs to my district. This continued investment in Kentucky is a testament to the skill, perseverance, and dedication of the American workforce.

Mr. Speaker, we must continue to foster the manufacturing renaissance in America by enacting comprehensive tax reform; reining in burdensome regulations; fixing Dodd-Frank and other financial rules that impede access to capital; ending the EPA's destructive war on abundant, affordable energy; and promoting free trade so that American exporters are competitive around

the world. When we are able to manufacture in America, companies like Toyota can fulfill the promise of good-paying jobs and secure the American Dream.

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GUN VIOLENCE

(Mr. VARGAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about the epidemic of gun violence in our country.

A number of years ago, James Huberty, heavily armed, walked into a McDonald's in my district and killed 21 people.

A few years later, shortly after delivering his valedictorian speech at Lincoln High School in my district, Willie James Jones, III, was tragically shot and killed in a drive-by shooting.

On March 5, 2001, those in the very high school from which I graduated were victims of a shooting that left two people dead and 13 injured.

It is past time for Congress to act and to save American lives. I am calling on my colleagues to work together to find comprehensive solutions to this dire problem.

I believe that Representative KING's legislation, which prevents people from flying who are deemed too dangerous, would also prevent them from purchasing assault weapons. I believe it is a step in the right direction; so let's work together and get it done.

PRESIDENT OBAMA WANTS A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

(Mr. OLSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, this Congress and the White House agree, by December 15, the Federal Government will shut down.

No one on Capitol Hill wants a shutdown. I don't. No House Republican does. No House Democrat does. All we want are honest negotiations.

President Obama's spokesman said: "The President is not going to sign a CR that will give Members of Congress additional time to negotiate."

Clearly, President Obama wants a shutdown. Why? He thinks a shutdown is good election-year politics. Pain is never good politics. I ask the President to change course. Negotiate. Don't shut down our government.

TALLAHASSEE'S BETHEL AME CHURCH

(Ms. GRAHAM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. GRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Tallahassee's Bethel AME Church on their 150th anniversary.

Bethel was founded in 1865 when a group of courageous Christians walked out of their segregated church. They were led by the Reverend Robert Meacham, a former slave preacher. Since that day, church membership has grown from 116 people in 1865 to more than 1,700 worshippers today; and under the leadership of my friend and neighbor, Reverend Dr. Julius H. McAllister, Jr., the church continues to benefit our community and serve as an inspiration to everyone in north Florida.

I congratulate Bethel AME on a blessed 150 years, and I look forward to personally attending many more services as they continue to grow and thrive.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 9, 2015.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 9, 2015 at 9:33 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 1719.
With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

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DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 9, 2015 at 11:23 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to the Conference Report S. 1177.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2130, RED RIVER PRIVATE PROPERTY PROTECTION ACT, AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 556 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows: